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Idaho Career Information System Marks 30 Years by Eliminating Fees

After three successful decades of helping Idahoans make informed career decisions, the Idaho Career Information System is celebrating by eliminating fees for access to its information files.

"Our goal is to make this funding change permanent, increase accessibility to CIS information for all Idaho citizens and give those without access an opportunity to try this incredibly valuable tool," Career Information System Administrator Christie Stoll said in marking the program's 30th anniversary.

Last fall, access to the eCIS system was made available free through public libraries across the state. Feedback was positive and thousands of Idaho citizens took advantage of the initiative. The next phase of the plan to expand statewide access is to provide the information files in a public version of the popular system. Idaho citizens will be able to use the system without a login through a link on the CIS website. The Idaho Career Information System plans to release this version in November of 2010.

Additional financial support from the Idaho Department of Labor, which assumed administration of the system in mid-2008, is allowing basic fees to be eliminated. A nominal fee will remain for access to enhanced exploration tools, portfolios and administrative support services. Optional modules such as the IDEAS assessment and Peterson's Practice Tests will continue to be available for an additional fee.

The Career Information System at www.idahocis.org is the only comprehensive source of Idaho-specific career information on a broad array of topics including jobs, career requirements and postsecondary schools. CIS also contains the most current and comprehensive information about financial assistance, scholarships and sources of education or training needed to qualify for specific jobs. CIS it is available in nearly every Idaho school district and at the 25 local Labor Department offices around the state.

"CIS helps people make informed career decisions," Stoll said. "Idaho is one of the nation's leaders in providing unprecedented access to career and education planning resources to its citizens."

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